Chicago Convention Report Cites Bloody Violence, Blunt Obscenity

WASHINGTON (AP) — The special task force report on the Chicago street battles during the Democratic National Convention has the verbal marks of some best-selling fiction—it is steeped in bloody violence and laced with blunt obscenity.

It is probably the most candid report in use of gutter language ever issued by the federal government.

One four-letter word, commonly regarded as a rank obscenity, is quoted more than 80 times—a rate of roughly one every three pages throughout the report.

The special report on the stormy Chicago disorders for the President's commission on violence cited the use of profanity by both police and protestors, and said obscenity played a major role in the atmosphere surrounding the street clashes.

Daniel Walker, director of the task force, writes, "We have, with considerable reluctance, included the actual obscenities used by participants—demonstrators and police alike. Extremely obscene language was a contributing factor to the violence described in this report, and its frequency and intensity were such that to omit it would inevitably understate the effect it had."

About one-third of the rawest obscenities quoted in the report are attributed to policemen, the remainder to their mainly young antagonists.